

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

**Please insert the following paragraph beneath the title on page 1 of the specification:**

This Application is continuation of U.S. Application No. 10/561,754, filed May 19, 2006, which is the National Stage of International No. PCT/EP2004/006915 filed June 25, 2004, which claims benefit under 35 U.S.C. §119(e) of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/482,686 filed June 26, 2003. The contents of these application are incorporated herein by referenced in their entirety.

**Please insert the following paragraph after the claims on page 31 of the specification:**

**ABSTRACT**

The present invention is directed to a process for preparing intermediates that are useful to prepare certain antibacterial N-formyl hydroxylamine compounds which are peptide deformylase inhibitors.